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Applicant(s): D.Wade Walke Group Art Unit: 1646

Application No.: 09/735,712 Examiner: R. Li

Filed: 12/02/2000

Title: Novel Human Membrane Proteins and Atty. Docket No. LEX-0109-USA  
Polynucleotides Encoding the Same

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED DECEMBER 6, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on December 6, 2001 (Paper No. 9), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No.9 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including April 6, 2002, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the claims:**

Please amend claims 1 and 2 so that the text of the amended claims reads as follows: